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WARNER BAXTER AND DOROTHY MACKAIL SURPRISE IN "THEIR MAD MOMENT"

"SKYLINE" — GOOD ENTERTAINMENT.

Farrell and Janet Gaynor Among
Biggest Favourites.

A British film "Black Coffee," old-time favourites, still looking beautiful. Clara Kimball Young in a disagreeable part. Bryant Washburn also an old-timer, with others, playing the part of the French detective, Hercule Poirot, as he did in "Alibi." This actor has made big strides in pictures since his appearance in the small part as the Padre in the 1930 release "Escape." (Queen's).

Warner Baxter and Dorothy Mackail offer the surprising outcome of a flirtation in "Their Mad Moment." The romance brings together a worldly American girl and a French peasant of the Basque country, whose simplicity and sincerity provide pastime for Emily, until she is shocked to learn that Esteban takes it for granted that she is serious and will marry him. See the film and learn what happens to a girl and a man who do not understand each other. (Central).

Gloria Swanson, a modern heroine, spends the night with a strange man (Melvyn Douglas) but the escapade is excused when she falls in love and marries him in "To-night or Never." There is nothing unusual about the story, but the dialogue is dynamic and as hot as you can bear. Gloria is as attractive as ever, and I noticed that her voice is not so high-pitched as formerly nor does she speak quite so rapidly. Douglas is a recruit from the stage, very handsome and a fine speaking voice. Now running at the Gaiety Theatre. Clark Gable a close race for popularity. Able direction by Mervyn Le Roy, continental background, pretty music, and an excellent supporting cast, chief being Alison Skipworth as the Marchesa. See it at the Central.

"Skyline," is good entertainment. It stars Thomas Meighan who builds skyscrapers and becomes interested in an ambitious youth, and the story runs true to form. The youth turns out to be his own son. Myrna



Dorothy Mackail.

complete a capable cast. It is lively entertainment, and Dorothy never disappoints. (Queen's).

Warner Bros lavish Revue, "Show of Shows," with John Barrymore following in "General Crack," and then Charles Chaplin in "City Lights" are all due at the Star.

Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell are amongst the biggest favourites the world over, so there must be something to the legend that the average intelligence of a picture audience is about nine years of age. One thing must not be denied—their films are for the family, a big consideration these days. In "Delicious" we have Miss Gaynor as a poor little girl who wears a plaid, and speaks a dialect that must be called Scotch for lack of a better word, and Mr. Farrell a wealthy polo player. She is in the steerage of an Atlantic liner, he is in a cabine de luxe. But, being a perfectly true story, their paths cross, (I said story) and in an hour they are one for all eternity.

Naturally our hero and heroine go through a maze of adventures, but the picture is not without charm, and the music pleasing, although I am not educated up to the very modernistic standard set by George Gershwin in his conglomeration of sound and dozens of instruments, which is called "Symphony of New York." You will not be disappointed if you like the sweetly unreal in pictures, and this youthful popular pair will attract crowded houses to the King's. El Brendel gives us all the humour, and Virginia Cherrill is the society girl who almost wrecks the emigrant's life. David Butler directs. (King's).

Kay Francis with her husky loveliness and husky voice will be seen shortly in "The False Madonna," a crook melodrama, which also brings Conway Tearle back to

the talkies. Then George Bancroft in "Rich Man's Folly" with an excellent supporting cast, not the least agreeable being the small boy remembered in "Innocents of Paris," David Durand, in a pathetic role, and Frances Dee who will surprise you. Due at the King's.

Lawrence Tibbett is in his greatest part, voice more magnificent than ever, and a much improved ac-



Lawrence Tibbett.

tor with Lupe Velez giving her best acting since "The Gaucho." "The Cuban Love Song" is promised at the Queen's. Also the picture that should win the highest honours, Wallace Beery and Jackie Cooper in "The Champ."

DID YOU KNOW THAT?

Did you know that — Janet Gaynor's real name is Laura Galner, and her real father used to be an extra in the old Lubin Studio. After her mother divorced him, she married the man "Jonesy" who had such faith in Janet that he took the family from Philadelphia (where Janet was born twenty-six years ago), and with the help, later, of a young man, an Editor on a Movie Magazine to whom Janet was once engaged, she was given the part in "The Johnstown Flood," and then—Diane in "Seventh Heaven."

Janet was so successful in this role, that she has been playing it with variations, ever since. When she and Farrell were acting together in this play, they were very much in love, she still calls him "Chico." Now she is happily married to Lyndell Peck, who occasionally does work at the Fox Studio. If it had not been for the enthusiasm displayed by "Jonesy," Janet would still be pounding a type-writer, just a pretty stenographer among millions, but she was exceptionally lucky, and the good breaks came her way.



George Arliss.

Dorothy Mackail seems to be ideally happy with her new husband Neil Miller. He sings in an orchestra by night, and on the Radio by day.

Tallulah Bankhead hopes to do Gloria Swanson's greatest success, "Sadie Thompson," and it will be directed by Lewis Milestone. Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell are doing Mary Pickford and Eugene O'Brien's old time favour-



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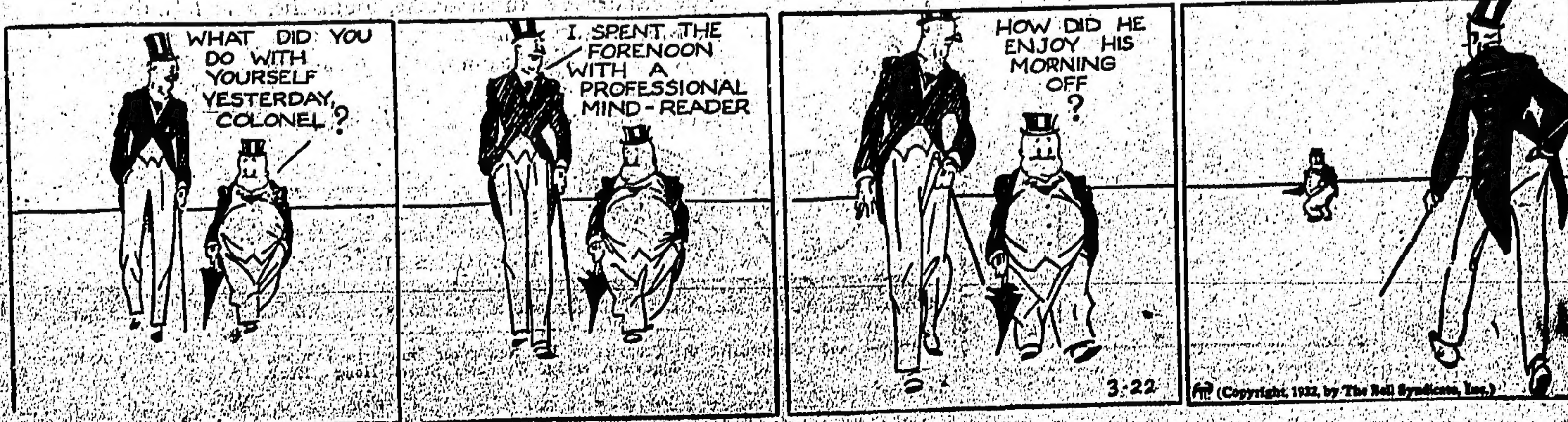
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ite, "Roberta" of Sunnybrook husband, Ralph Forbes, and Rose Hobart in a stage play in Los Angeles. Jeanette MacDonald hopes to appear in "The Merry Widow" on the stage in Paris. Richard Barthelmess's latest story "Alias the Doctor" is receiving, as usual the highest praise from critics. In it he has the support of the new girl sensation, Marian Marsh, a Britisher from the West Indies. Ruth Chatterton is directing her husband, Ralph Forbes, and Rose Hobart in a stage play in Los Angeles. Chester Morris and Sylvia Sydney will play the leads in "The Miracle Man." Carmen Pantages has at last married young Considine. Joan Bennett took him away from her, but Joan has now married Gene Markey, and everyone is happy. The new "turn" at the Queen's, I remember being Head-lined on months.

POP — The Colonel Has Half A Mind To Be Angry.

By J. MILLAR WATT.



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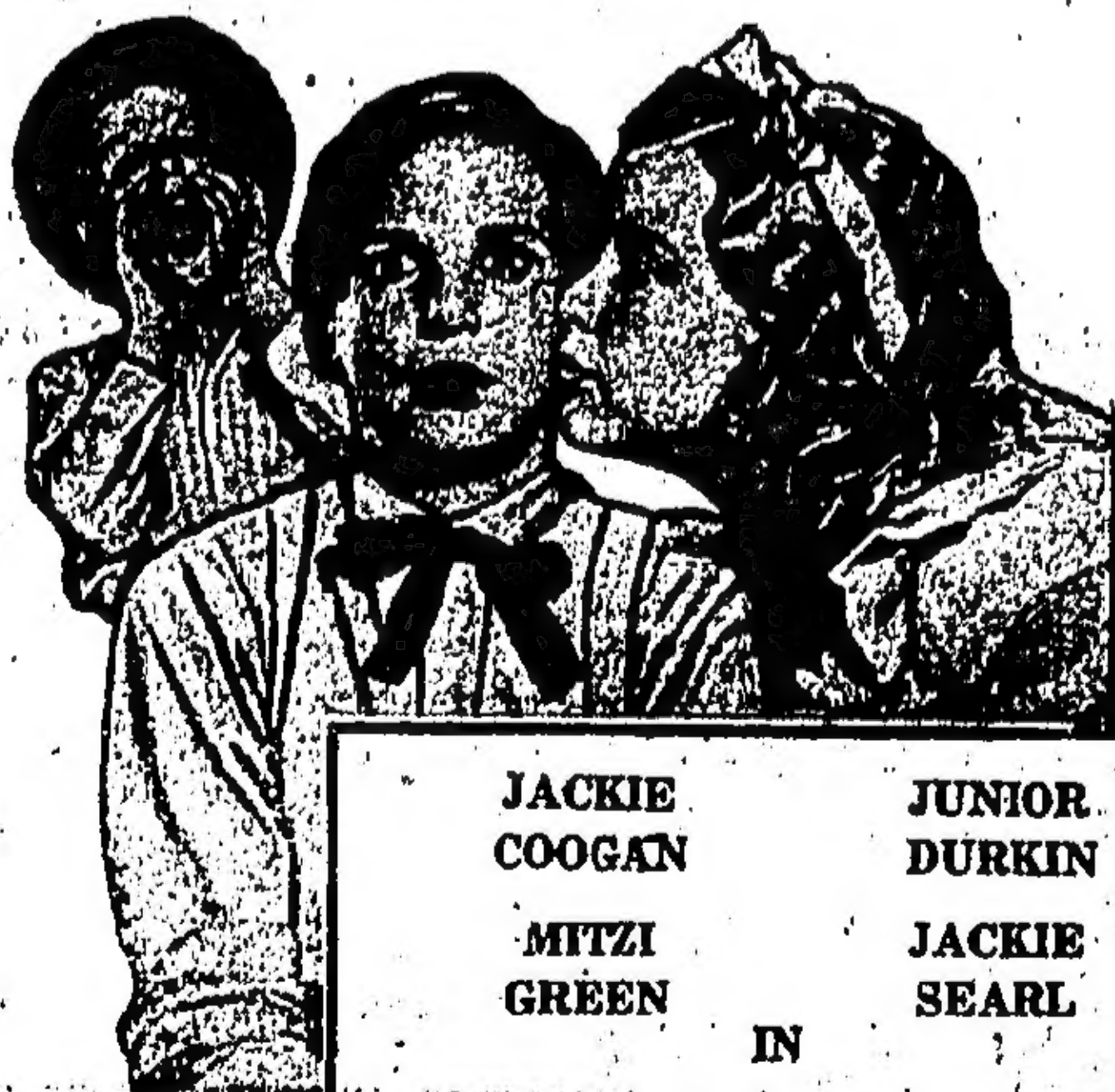
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SENSATIONAL INCIDENT IN DUBLIN DAIL

MEMBER'S AMAZING BOAST

TRIED TO KILL LORD FRENCH TO SEVER ENGLISH CONNECTION.

Dublin, Yesterday.

Amazing scenes marked the sessions of the Free State Dail yesterday when references were made to incidents that occurred in Ireland during "The Trouble."

Mr. Dan Breen, a member of the Fianna Fail party jumped to his feet and cried dramatically: "During that trouble I went out to kill, if possible, Lord French in order to break the connection with England. I would do the same thing to-morrow if the occasion arose."—Reuter.

[The late Lord French, for-in-Chief of the British forces in mer Governor of Ireland during France during the early part of "The Trouble," was Commander-the war.]

COMMUNISTS IN MANCHURIA.

Bandits Also Active.

JAPAN'S DIFFICULTIES.

Harbin, Yesterday.

Communists and Russians are blamed by the Manchukuo authorities for the recent terrorist plots and bombings but dispatches from Tokyo indicate that the Japanese Government's attitude is that the outrages are due to individuals and not instigated by Soviet officials.

Communist Organisation.

The Manchukuo police charge that the outrages have been committed by a Russian organisation with 2,978 members. The leader of the group is said to be M. Giadok, the Secretary of the General Department of the C.E.R. The members of the organisation, the police claim, have been trained at Habardvsk by military authorities. Every member, they say, is forced to take an oath that he would, if ordered, kill his father and mother.

Equipment Seized.

Harbin, Yesterday.

Ten locomotives and 120 trucks have been seized by the Japanese at Sungpo, opposite Harbin. It is said that they will be used by troops in an effort to suppress the insurgents of the district.—Reuter.

Japanese Seized.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

Local Japanese and Consular Authorities are said to have been captured at Tunghua by bandits. Over 200 Japanese Police are being rushed there from Mukden by motor trucks.

Bandit Rampant.

Harbin, Yesterday.

Bandits are said to be still active along the C.E.R. Over 9,000 are reported to be near Fuyu. At Kirin, troops have started looting villages. To date Major General Yoda's infantry has not made contact with the insurgents in the Imlenpo district.—Reuter.

CHALLENGE TO WITCHCRAFT.

Missionaries' £10 Bet.

BETTER CONTROVERSY.

An acute controversy has arisen among missionary authorities in England over a witch-craft challenge issued to native sorcerers on the Gold Coast, West Africa, by British missionaries.

In an effort to combat witchcraft, which is said to hold the population of the Gold Coast in terror, the Church Council of the colony, under the chairmanship of the Bishop of Accra (Dr. Aglionby), has offered to pay £10 to any "witch" who can:

Transform himself into a "beast, bird or creeping thing."
"Eat" a pawpaw (which resembles a melon) or other fruit at a distance of five yards, or

Extract an article from a sealed box.

This "offer," the first of its kind ever made by British missionaries, is open until the end of July.

Fear of Witchcraft.

In making the challenge, the Bishop says the subject has been investigated by a joint committee of religious bodies in the colony, which found that natives—even those who have to become Christians—still fear witches and their activities.

Witches, according to the committee, are credited with powers which enable them to:

Transform those they dislike into birds or animals;
Inflict disease or death without physical contact.

The merits of the foreign footballer are not confined to skill alone. He is obsessed with an almost fanatical will to win, which in the case of the average English professional is reserved for a Cup tie or for the international match against Scotland.—R. H. Bruce-Lockhart.

CAPTURED BY TRIBESMEN.

Pilots in Iraq.

Rugby, Yesterday.

News was received by the Air Ministry to-day that while engaged on reconnaissance duties with the Iraq Army in Northern Kurdistan a Royal Air Force machine was forced to land amongst hostile tribesmen. "Flying Officer Wells, the pilot, and leading aircraftman Evans, were taken prisoner, but it has been ascertained that they are alive and well."—British Wireless Service.

FREE STATE AND THE DOMINIONS.

London's Attitude.

Rugby, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons to-day when asked whether the Government intended to "consult the Dominions on the position which had arisen from the attitude adopted by the Irish Free State, Secretary of the Dominions, Mr. J. H. Thomas, replied that the present issues between the United Kingdom and the Free State arose out of the interpretation of the 1921 Treaty and other Agreements which form a part of the settlement then reached between the two countries. He added that the difference at the moment was between two parties to an agreement; one of which had repudiated it.—British Wireless Service.

ELEPHANTS PULL FIRE ENGINE.

Come to Rescue in Big Fire.

Calcutta.

Eight lumbering elephants pulled a fire engine to a blaze in Cooch-Behar recently.

The whole of the bunder at Mathabanga was ablaze including the jute and rice godowns and the offices, but when the District Officer wired for the fire engine from Cooch-Behar, 20 miles away, it was found that the road was too sandy to permit the engine to reach the conflagration, so the firemen returned home.

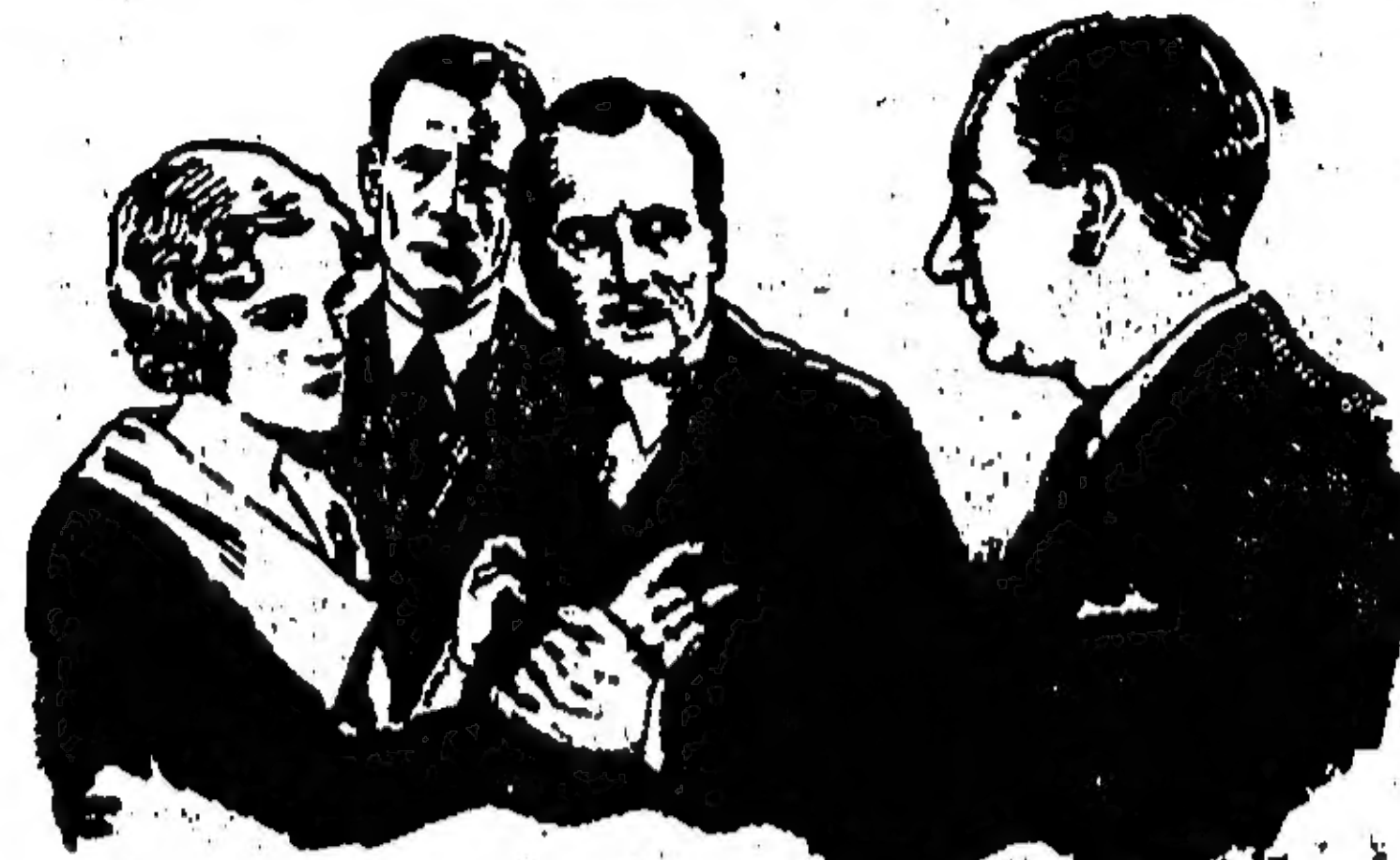
Not to be beaten, however, the Revenue Officer at Cooch-Behar ordered a team of State elephants to be harnessed to the engine and, with their shouting mahouts urging them to hurry, they formed probably the strangest turnout ever seen at a fire. They reached Mathabanga in time to join the fight before 500 helpers got the fire under control.

Let me admit quite frankly that there is a danger in harping on the necessity for speed in a footballer. There is the danger of regarding pace as the be-all and end-all of the game.—Joe Hulme.

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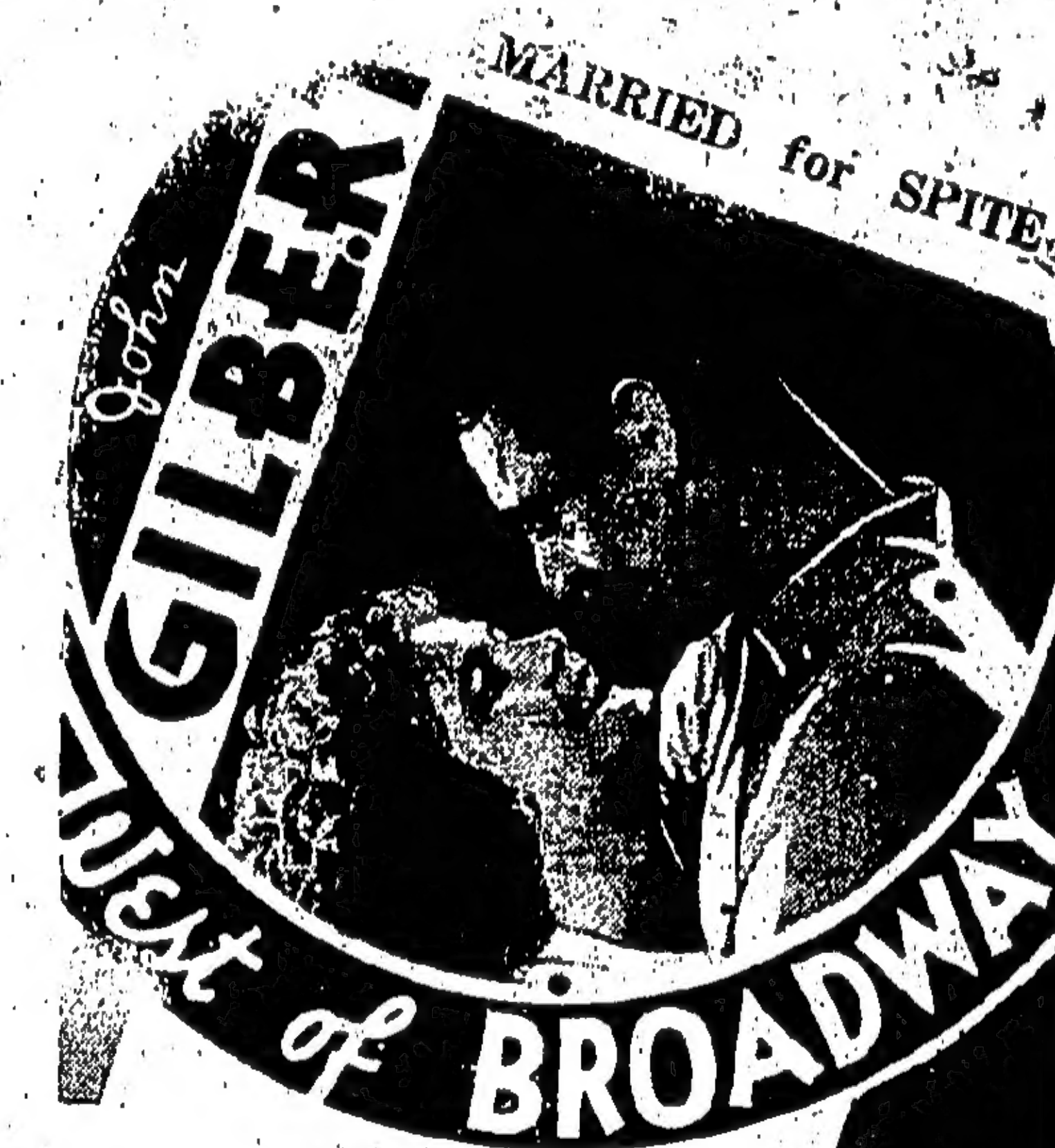


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